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SUBJECT: TORONTO STAR SAYS TRUDEA NEEDS REASSURE CARTER ADMINISTRATION

THAT OTTAWA STILL IN CHARGE

1. IN A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE HEADLINED "U.S. TO ASK TRUDEAU: WHO'S  
IN CHARGE?", TORONTO STAR WASHINGTON-BASED COLUMNIST VAL SEARS  
WROTE THAT ONE OF PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S MAIN TASK WHEN HE MEETS  
PRESIDENT CARTER WILL BE "TO REASSURE THE NEW ADMINISTRATION THAT  
OTTAWA IS STILL IN CHARGE OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN CANADA." SEARS  
WROTE THAT EVEN THOUGH THE SHOCK OF QUEBEC'S ELCTIONS HAS WORN  
OFF IN WASHINGTON, THE PRACTICAL MATTER OF CANADAIN FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL

JURISDICTIONAL STRAINS IS WORRISOME TO AMERICAN STATE AND FEDERAL  
LEGISLATORS AND BUSINESSMEN.

2. IN VIEW OF SITUATION, SEARS STATED OPINION THAT ARGUMENT COULD  
BE MADE TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH PROVINCES BUT THAT STATE DEPARTMENT  
HAS NOT ONLY PUBLICLY COUNTERED THIS POSSIBILITY BUT THAT CANADIAN  
AMBASSADOR WARREN "INSISTS THE DEPARTMENT HAS GONE OUT OF ITS WAY  
ENSURE THAT ITS FORMAL DEALINGS WITH CANADA DO NOT REFLECT  
UNEASINESS ABOUT WHO IS RUNNING THE COUNTRY."

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3. SEARS THEN TOUCHES ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT-COMMISSIONED  
STUDY ON STATE-PROVINCIAL RELATIOSHIPS, QUOTES CANADIAN  
SENATE COMMITTEE "75 STATEMENT OF SURPRISE ON NUMBER OF PROVINCIAL-  
STATE "UNDERSTANDINGS OR ARRANGEMENTS" AND QUOTED CANADIAN  
AND U.S. ACADEMICS ON RELATIONSHIP ISSUE. TOM LEVY OF HALIFAC  
CENTRE FOR FOREIGN POLICY STUDIES AT DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY QUOTED  
AS SAYING STATE-PROVINCIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE "COMPLICATING THE

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO EVOLVE COHERENT POLICIES VIS-A-VIS THE U.S." KEN MYERS OF THE GEORGETOWN INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES QUOTED AS DEFINING AMERICAN PROBLEMS TO INCLUDE FAILURE "TO APPRECIATE QUEBEC NATIONALISM AND THE CHANGING ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT." MYERS CONTINUED IN ARTICLE COVERAGE TO HAVE EXPRESSED DOUBT IF OTTAWA OR WASHINGTON WANTS DIRECT WASHINGTON PROVINCIAL CONTACTS BUT MYERS HELD AMERICANS WILL HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO DEAL WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS -- SOME WAY TO GO AROUND OTTAWA.

4. SEARS THEN CONTINUED "I KNOW THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF QUIET DIPLOMACY GOING ON BETWEEN OUR CONSULATES IN CANADA. THE CONSULATES ARE ONLY ONE CHANNEL THAT COULD BE USED FOR WASHINGTON'S DISCREET CONTACTS WITH THE PROVINCES --BUT A SIGNIFICANT ONE. THE U.S. HAS EIGHT CONSULATES IN CANADA. TWO OF THEM, TORONTO AND MONTREAL, ARE BIGGER THAN SOME EMBASSIES WITH THIRTEEN SENIOR U.S. OFFICIALS IN EACH." HE THEN REVIEWED VARIOUS PROVINCIAL OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT OF ONTARIO TO INSTALL A PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. SEARS WROTE THAT WHILE OTTAWA WOULD NOT AGREE TO PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION DID LEAD "TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROVINCIAL INTERESTS OFFICER AT THE EMBASSY." THE ARTICLE ENDED "THE CANADIAN SENATE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THAT, AS LONG AS SOME OF THE PROVINCES WERE MAKING AN END RUN AROUND OTTAWA ANYWAY, THE CHANNELS OUGHT TO BE INSTITUTIONALIZED SO AT LEAST OTTAWA IS INFORMED WHEN CONTACTS ARE MADE."

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